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SUBJECT: UK-ARGENTINE DISCUSSION ON FALKLAND ISLANDS

REF: STATE 057404; BUENOS AIRES 1907

1. FCO OFFICIAL RESPONSIBLE FOR FALKLAND ISLANDS (EXTERNAL RELATIONS), WELTON, TOLD EMBOFF MARCH 21 THAT TALKS WITH ARGENTINES ON FALKLAND ISLANDS HAVE BEEN HALTED SINCE LAST AUGUST. INSTRUCTIONS GIVEN TO NEW BRITISH AMBASSADOR, DUE TO ARRIVE BUENOS AIRES MARCH 21, ARE THAT BRITISH ARE WILLING TO TALK ONLY IF OPINION IN FALKLAND ISLANDS ALLOWS THEM, WHICH IS NOT THE CASE AT PRESENT TIME. BRITISH AMBASSADOR WILL NOT RAISE ISSUE, BUT WILL REPLY ALONG THIS LINE IF, AS EXPECTED, ARGENTINES RAISE ISSUE WITH HIM.

2. BRITISH REMAIN UNWILLING TO ACT AGAINST WISHES OF ISLANDERS ON QUESTION OF SOVEREIGNTY AND BELIEVE OPINION IN ISLANDS HAS HARDENED TO POINT WHERE THEY PRECLUDED FROM GOING ON WITH NEGOTIATIONS. ISLAND RESIDENTS HAVE STRONG AND EFFECTIVE LOBBY IN BOTH MAJOR PARTIES IN HOUSE OF COMMONS AND IN PRESS. FOR THIS REASON, FORMER  
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BRITISH AMBASSADOR AT BUENOS AIRES HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED

NOT TO CONTINUE DISCUSSIONS. LAST CONTACTS WERE WITH FONMIN VIGNES AT NEW YORK IN SEPTEMBER, AND SUBSEQUENTLY, AT LIMA BETWEEN VIGNES AND UK MINISTER OF STATE AT FOREIGN OFFICE.

3. USE OF WORD MALVINAS INSTEAD OF FALKLANDS WOULD PROBABLY NOT CAUSE HMG ANY GREAT PAIN, AS ARGENTINES USE IT ALL THE TIME WITH BRITISH. WHEN IT HAS BECOME MATTER OF DISPUTE, BRITISH GO THEIR WAY AND MERELY POINT OUT FALKLANDS MORE GENERALLY ACCEPTED THAN MALVINAS.

4. BELIEVE OUR RELATIONS WITH BRITISH COULD STAND STATEMENT SUCH AS THAT SUGGESTED BUENOS AIRES REFTEL, BUT STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT IT BE SHOWN TO FCO PRIOR TO DELIVERY AND IN TIME TO GIVE FCO OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS IN CASE THEY DO OBJECT. OTHERWISE WE WOULD PROBABLY HAVE DIFFICULTY IN TRYING TO DISCUSS THIS ISSUE WITH THEM IN THE FUTURE.

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